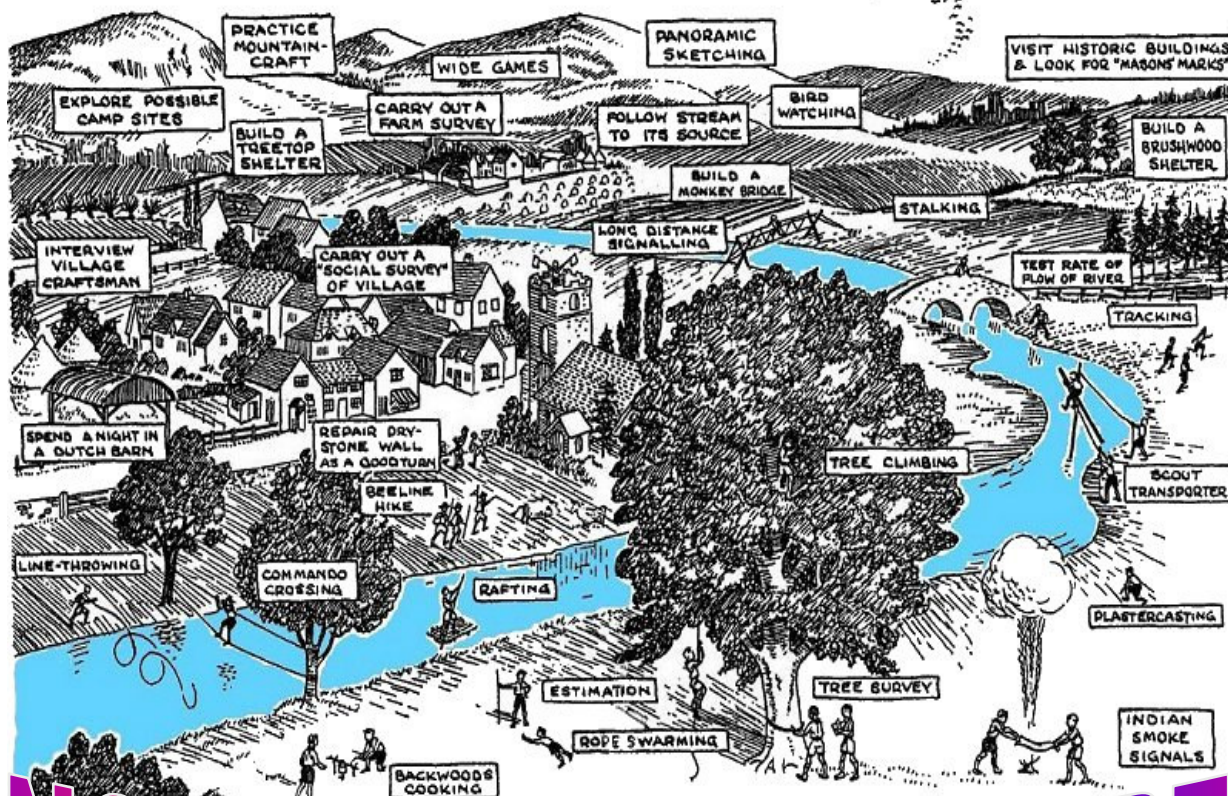


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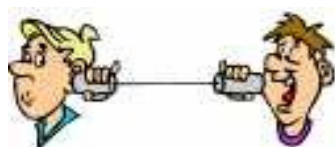
STRATEGY



NON-STOP ADVENTURE

WESTERN CAPE Scouts **Cubs** and **Rovers** **SCAR**

Cubs



Cubs Can Make It

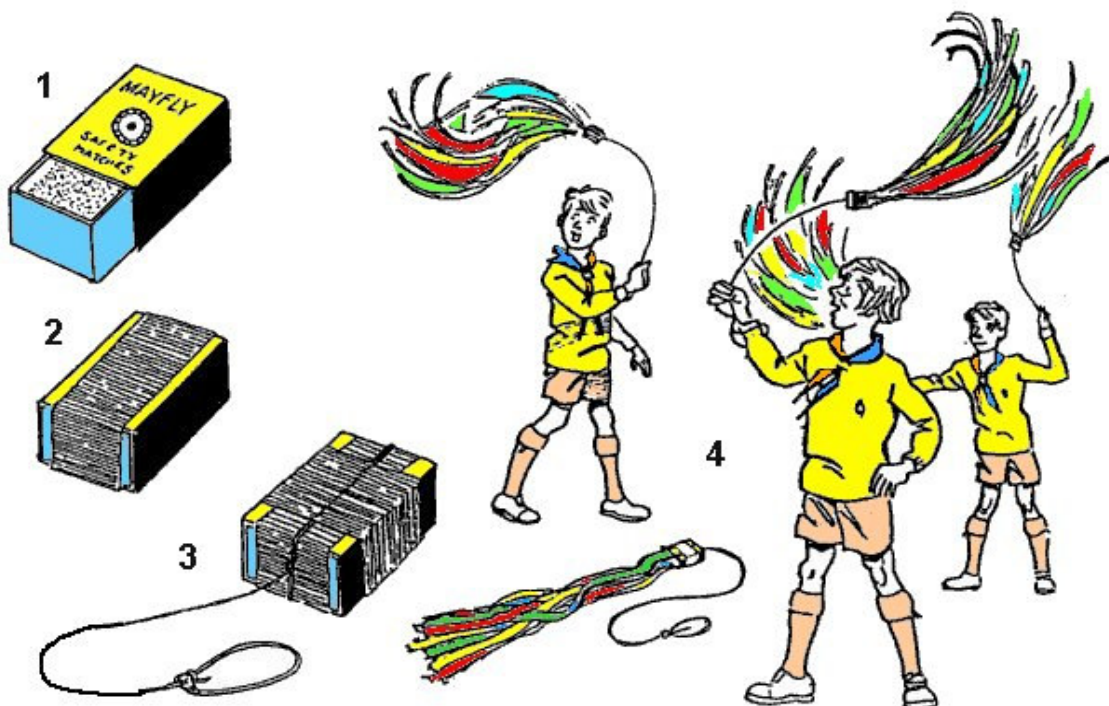
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You will need: Lots of empty matchboxes, scissors, dry sand, crêpe paper (several colours), sellotape and string.



The idea is to get each Six to make several whizzers - one for each Cub - so that a display can be put on to music. Whizzers are easy to make, but the workmanship must be sound.

1. Fill the matchbox with sand.
2. Seal the tray into the sleeve of the box with several turns of sellotape.
3. Take a piece of string 60cm long and tie one end round the matchbox as if it were a small parcel. Make sure the final knot is at one end of the tray. To stop the string from slipping, bind it with sellotape. Put a wrist loop (Bowline) on the other end of the string.
4. Now cut lengths of colour crêpe paper about 25mm wide. Mix the colours and fix them on both sides of the box. Slip the loop around the wrist, grip the string and start weaving. The streamers of crêpe will sketch intricate patterns in the air as you perform circles, figure-of-eight loops, zigzags and whirls - sometimes above the head, sometimes in front of you. If the entire Six all work to an agreed pattern, the display will look even better.

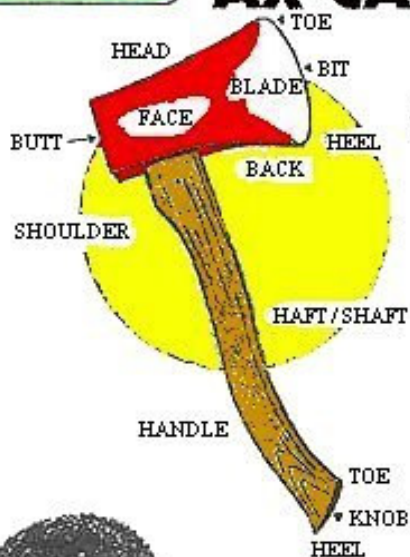


Scouts



THE PEDRO PATROL

SHARPENS UP AX-CARE SKILLS

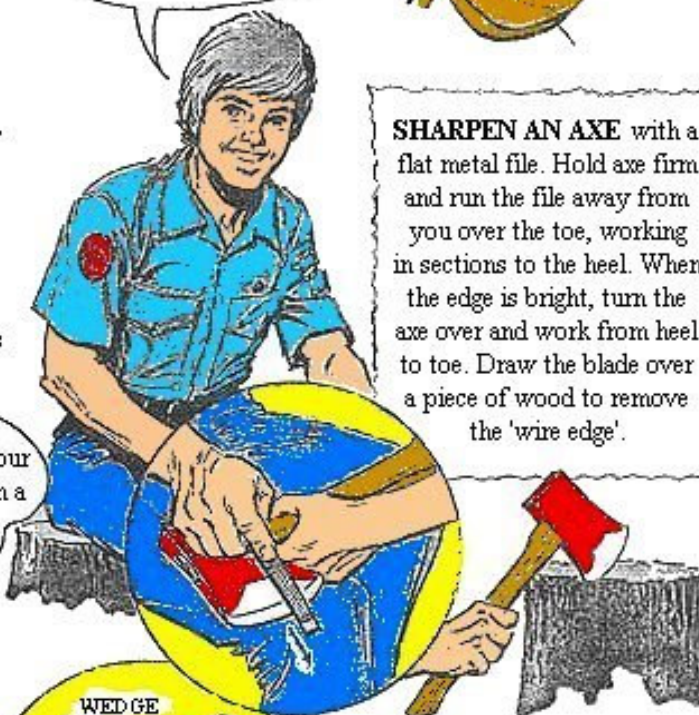


As with all cutting tools, a sharp blade cuts clean, fast, easier & safer!



Like fire, an axe is helpful - if mastered

SHARPEN AN AXE with a flat metal file. Hold axe firm and run the file away from you over the toe, working in sections to the heel. When the edge is bright, turn the axe over and work from heel to toe. Draw the blade over a piece of wood to remove the 'wire edge'.

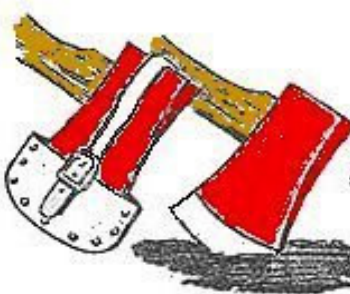


To keep that sharp edge, hone your axe like a knife with a sharpening stone after use!



KEEP WOODEN AXE HANDLE TIGHT with wooden wedges driven into the eye. Or soak dry handles in linseed oil or water for temporary swelling. Sand the handle smooth to avoid blisters.

KEEP AXE MASKED when not in use! Drive it into a log or store it in its sheath!



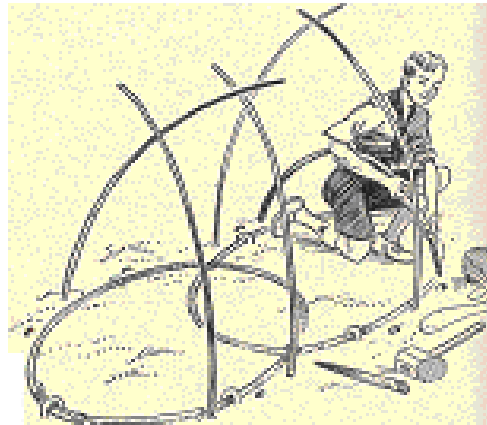
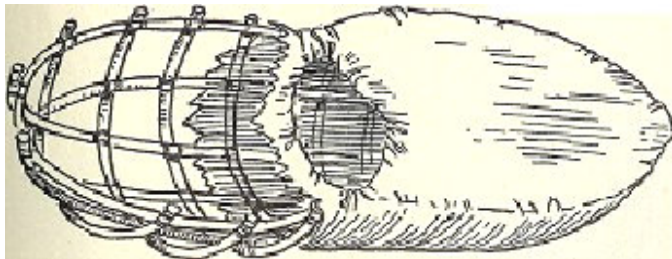
The Hand or Pack axe is mainly used for splitting firewood

Rovers

CORACLES & OIL DRUM RAFT

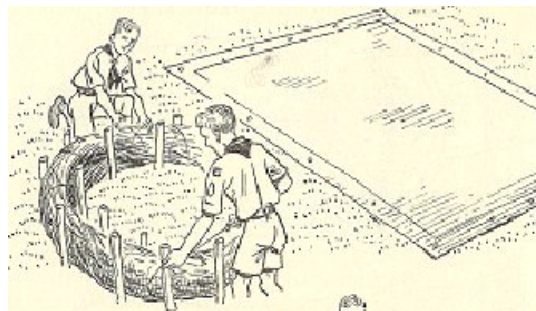
Here are three different types of water-borne pioneering.

The first is the *Coracle made from green wood* and covered with light canvas. This is a one-man effort. I do not pretend that it is easy to make, and it is not a thing to hurry. Note that the framework is laid out on the ground. Experience has shown that this is the best way of doing it. If you try to do it in a workshop you get so many slaps across the face from jumping sticks that you will probably give up in despair.

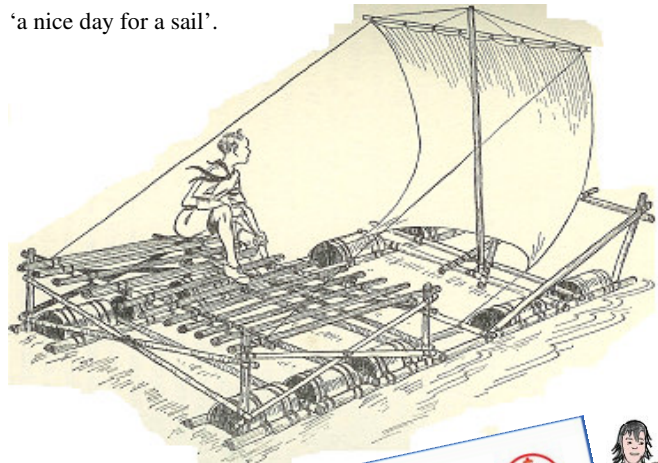


Second is the *Coracle built from sticks and a groundsheet*. (See sketch) You will find it necessary

to use a large groundsheet, the tent type rather than a personal one. Buoyancy is given to the coracle by tightly packed brushwood. Again, we suggest you make the brushwood circle on the ground and the picket method illustrated is very satisfactory. When fixing the groundsheet make sure that the eyelets come on the inside and that the Scout using the coracle is barefoot.



Finally, and most elaborate, is another *Oil Drum Raft*. (See sketch) What I like about this raft in particular is the effort made to raise the deck well above the water line. There is a lot of work in this structure, enough to keep the whole Patrol busy for a morning. You could, of course, add a rudder and it would be sensible to have a paddle to keep you out of trouble. All you need now, therefore, is 'a nice day for a sail'.



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